

THE LEDGER.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2.

C. I. FILLIS has declared himself for Blaine, first and last.

Col. John C. New will be a very busy man for the next two weeks.

The next circus wreck will be at the Minneapolis wigan if we are not mistaken.

It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways. Now, can the rain-makers stop it.

GROVER CLEVELAND for President of the United States should be good enough for anybody.

It will be observed with some surprise that the Kansas tornado hit only one candidate for office.

SHUFFLE again, Uncle Jerry, and draw another spring day. You'll get the weather sorted out by and by.

A MEETING of the cabinet with all the members in attendance would probably not be a brilliant success at the present crisis.

It is possible that Mr. Blaine will be nominated by the Minneapolis convention. In fact, in politics the most incredible things may happen.

If our friend, John C. New, is as smart as we think he is he will not expose his beautiful whiskers to the profane breezes that are likely to blow in Minneapolis for the next ten days.

The latest expedition to the north pole will now be followed by the usual relief expedition. The expedition for the relief of the relief expedition will be organized later.

MR. BLAINE and Mr. Harrison might effect a compromise as regards the Minneapolis convention. Let Blaine have the enthusiasm and Harrison will be content with the votes.

REV. J. C. ARMSTRONG made the LEDGER a pleasant task to-day. Rev. Armstrong is a good newspaper man as well as a leading minister. He furnishes the editorial for the Central Baptist every week, besides other matter for the paper.

IT WAS Mr. Lincoln who said, "you may fool part of the people all the time, and all the people part of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." It looks very much like the Congressional committee of this district is trying to do what Mr. Lincoln said could not be done.

THE LEDGER contains a supplement to-day—the monthly bulletin of the State Board of Agriculture for June. The matter included mentions crops and live stock statistics, report of the veterinary service, weather service, &c.; also other highly interesting reading matter.

AT Palo Alto, Cal., on Tuesday last a poll on Presidential preferences was taken of 311 newspaper editors who are accompanying the excursion of the National Editorial Association. Of those who voted 149 were Democrats and 162 Republicans. The poll was: Cleveland, 117; Harrison, 86; Blaine, 72; Boies, 12; Hill, 7; scattering, 17.

THE DEMOCRACY of Missouri, and of all other western states, wants a man to head the national ticket who is in no way allied with the machine politics of Tammany Hall. The Democratic party has been pulled and hauled and nagged at and over-riden often enough by this hydra-headed monster and the people will have no more of it in the future.

AFTER the first great Blaine demonstration in 1876 the Democrats carried the country by about 200,000 plurality. In 1884 the delirium came on again and once more the country went Democratic, this time by 100,000 plurality. There is every prospect that the Democrats will have it easy this year. Great Blaine waves always swamp the Republican party.

THE refusal of the senate to refer Mr. Morgan's resolutions to the finance committee was a victory for the silver economists and politicians, and they have followed up their success by carrying a motion to proceed to the consideration of Mr. Stewart's unlimited coinage bill. And so we are to have another long debate—a tedious thrashing over of old straw—on the silver question.

Few, if any counties in Missouri have a more painstaking County Clerk than has Audrain. Mr. J. V. Williams this week rode out and mailed to each of the sixty road overseers in the county an accurate map of every road district, showing the number of sections with numbers thereon of each section in each road district. It was done as a matter of convenience for the overseer and sent with the compliments of Mr. Williams.

THERE is a fine, fervid, grand eloquence about Kentucky's orators. Judging from the speeches in the recent convention the delegates were of the kind of old-school gentlemen who would rather make speeches than fight. Why it is that they have a distinct predilection for referring with much graceful insouciance to the other side of the Styx and the Plutonian realms is unknown. However, they do not call it Plutonian realms.

THE sermon delivered Sunday by Dr. Armstrong to the graduating class of Hardin College was one of the most practical, as well as highly instructive and entertaining, ever heard in this city. Dr. Armstrong is a deep thinker, always has his subject well in hand and it is a pleasure to listen to his delivery. He is well known in this city where he was formerly pastor of the Promenade Street Baptist Church, and his high Christian character and manly virtues endear him to the hearts of all our people, more especially the young.

CHAIRMAN A. L. DAVALL has issued a call for the Congressional Committee to assemble at Montgomery City on June 10th instead of the 14th. This action of Mr. Davall gives satisfaction so far as we have heard. Now, if the Committee will restore the representation to Audrain, Pike, Ralls and St. Charles counties the people will be reconciled and harmony restored. It matters not which candidate for Congress is nominated. The rights of American citizens have been trampled under foot and the Committee will act wisely in giving the people of these counties justice. This is what is wanted.

U. S. HALL, in the Second District against Mansur, carried Carroll county Saturday by about 300 majority. This gives Hall the nomination. Mr. Hall is the late president of the F. & L. U. of Missouri. He worked hard to perfect that organization in this State. He was defeated for re-election to his place by Abel Leonard, of Saline county, on the sub-treasury and land loan issue. Mr. Hall has been a Democrat all his life and is a lawyer by profession. He is accounted one of the best politicians in the State, having a record of never having presented the claims of a man in a convention to have him man defeated. Personally, Mr. Hall is tall and commanding in appearance, a good mixer and a good talker.

Tax F. & L. U. investigating committee, through its chairman, S. O. Graham, gives timely warning to those who have not made just returns of taxable property, that if it is not done before the next term of Court the matter will be presented to the Grand Jury. Tax-dodgers should remember that it is an indictable offense to make false returns of property to the Assessor. "A stitch in time saves nine."

WHEN the farmers do start to planting corn a double force will be worked from 4 o'clock a. m. to 9 p. m. In ten or fifteen days after the ground is in condition every acre in the country intended for corn will be planted and in five days thereafter it will be up. There is no use to be discouraged. There will be a late fall as well as a late spring.

WITH the sentiment of the country demanding the nomination of Cleveland, and the belief, firmly established and widely spread, that he can carry New York as well as all the doubtful states, and that the nomination of any other candidate would place the success of the party in doubt, the duty of the national convention is clear.

SOMEbody has said that "all roads lead to Rome." We don't know about that, but are constrained to remark that the roads hereabouts lead to some tall cussin'. Our roads just now would "make Rome howl." How'll we better them in an important question for the present and should not be left for the future.

THE "farmer" who works the farmer who works the soil has been relegated. The real farmer who furnishes the subsistence for the political farmer will be busy from now on until corn-cutting time, and the town farmer will be compelled to renew his acquaintance with the cigar store signs.

PERSONAL intercourse between the President and Secretary Blaine has ceased and they avoid each other altogether. The Secretary even neglects cabinet meetings. Possibly the estrangement has been brought about by some sort of a Republican gathering to be held at Minneapolis June 7.

THE Democratic convention Tuesday at Syracuse, N. Y., denounced the Hill fiasco and pledged the earnest and unwavering support of the Empire State to Grover Cleveland, who was enthusiastically named for nomination for the presidency.

AT the Second District Congressional Convention at Carrollton Tuesday U. S. Hall received the nomination on the first ballot, the vote being as follows: Hall 30, Mansur 26, Harber 5. On motion Mr. Hall's nomination was made unanimous.

It is barely possible that Mr. Blaine is holding back his acceptance in order to find out whether Mr. Wamamaker will be willing to contribute as handsomely to the campaign fund of 1892 as he did to the campaign fund of 1888.

FROM present appearances it may be prudent for persons going to the Minneapolis convention to take along not only tents but commissary supplies.

CONGRESSIONAL Committee Meeting at New Florence, Mo. May 30.—Have called a meeting of the Congressional Committee to be held at Montgomery City Friday, the 10th day of June, 1892. Yours truly, A. DAVALL.

At Palo Alto.

THE JOURNALISTS PAY A VISIT TO THE GREAT STOCK BREEDING FARM.

In San Francisco the Editors Visit "China Town" and Take a Look at the Heavens—Notes by the Way.

Editorial Correspondence of the Ledger.

SAN JOSE, May 23.—San Jose is one of the prettiest cities in California. E. W. Stephens and wife and R. M. White and wife breakfasted with Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Potts of this city to-day. Dr. Potts has one of the handsomest residences in California and enjoys a splendid practice, amounting in sum total to more than \$1,000 per month and he is also interested in several large business enterprises. Misses Sallie and Willie Potts and Miss Lena Harrison are visiting here.

The Murrys, Tom Coons, Jack Frost, Charley Hablutzel and Jeter Walthall all live here and are doing well. All the Mexico people here are thriving. When we returned to our car we found our "state room" decorated with roses and magnolias with the "compliments of Murray and Frost." The floral offering was highly appreciated and we are trying to bring it home with us.

At Santa Rosa we took supper with Dr. Jesse, brother of Frank Jesse, the popular Prosecuting Attorney of Audrain County. Dr. Jesse enjoys a fine practice and is very popular as are his accomplished wife and little daughter. We visited Palo Alto and the Leland Stanford University to-day. We saw all the first trotters, Palo Alto, Advertiser, etc. Our own Robert Ryskyk looks as good as any of them. At Stockton we took a spin on the famous kite-shaped track. We promised to write home of what we saw and heard here but we can't do the subject justice. We are making three or four towns a day, travel all night, eat four or five banquets at all hours and it is impossible to write descriptive letters. We cannot do the country justice, even if we had the time.

To-morrow we take an ocean voyage and if you do not hear from us you may know we are sea sick.

The drive at Monterey was grand. For twenty miles we could see the ocean on one side and the Cedars of Lebanon on the other. In the forest there are deer, buffalo, etc.; on the ocean we saw sea lions. Dr. Potts and wife will likely visit Missouri this fall if the Doctor can get away from his practice and other business interests.

Our headquarters while in San Francisco is the Palace Hotel, one of the largest and best in the world. It is worth going a long way to see.

The big trees are among the other curiosities. They are big but not as big as some people claim. Among other big products in this portion of the world is the champion yamster; they can almost equal the Missouri campaign line when talking of the products of the State.

IN SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—When you don't see what you want in this city, ask for it. This describes San Francisco briefly but fully. We have had all kinds of weather since we reached this state. This is a long state and among its other wonders might be mentioned weather. Some portions of the state have to be hot so you can "raise raisins." One of the places where it is hot enough to "raise raisins" we thought hot enough to raise the devil himself. We went mention the place, as several Audrain people are being raised there. A former Audrain County lady sent the editor of the LEDGER a fine cane to-day. We prize it very highly.

We took a short excursion on the ocean to-day in company with G. W. Childs, of the Philadelphia Ledger, and Governor Markham, of California. We came near freezing. We don't mean that the above dignitaries had anything to do with the weather. The weather here is a product of California. It is not like that of any other state.

The wheat fields of this state are bigger than the big trees, big mountains and are almost as big as the ocean. The mines of this state are something wonderful. Our badges, which are made of gold, silver and tin, are products of this state. Under your own vine and fig trees you can dig up your gold and silver. The gold and silver do not grow on the trees even in this climate. Speaking of trees reminds us that while at J. M. Menefee's and Dr. Potts' we had the pleasure of gathering all the oranges and fruits of all kinds we wanted, and we wanted a good deal. Mr. Menefee uses orange trees for fuel. The water-melon here grow so fast they pull the vines out of the ground, and Miss Willie Potts says she never saw cabbages at home as big as the ones here and we can prove this by Miss Sallie Potts and Miss Lena Harrison. We called on Mrs. Maupin of this city, to-day. She is a sister of Mrs. Matt Taylor, of Mexico, and she was very glad to hear from relatives in Missouri. She is an elegant lady and assisted largely in extending to us a California welcome.

We have secured a guide and destination, and will go through the Chinese portion of Frisco to-night. We are not going "slumming" and do not expect to see any such curiosities as Dr. Parkhurst saw, but will go clear through Chinatown and see it all. It is one of the sights of the city, one of the big sights; it is also a product peculiar to this climate. Climate has a great deal to do with a great many things.

At this distance we would think some of the politicians in the Ninth Congressional District of Missouri were being affected with the climate. We would call their attention to the fact that sun strokes are the direct result of climate. The Democrats of Audrain should keep their skirts clean, protect their own interests and see that skull-duggery is promptly and everlastingly knocked in the head. Nothing should be done in the interest of any man that may injure the party or sully its principles. The Democrats of Audrain County know their minds and do not propose to be driven by cheap demagogues or cheaper shoe-string political thugs. Some people will find this out after the pile driver of public opinion gets two or three more whacks at them. The LEDGER is now more interested in a Board of Trade and paved streets in Mexico than in politics, except that we propose for Audrain County to have its rights, whatever they may be, at any cost.

A VISIT TO "CHINA TOWN." SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—I am glad to see from the LEDGER that Prof. D. A. McMillan is not going to leave Mexico. He is one of the most thorough educators we know of anywhere, and as a disciplinarian cannot be beaten. We congratulate Col. Fleet on securing his services. There are a very few McMillans teaching school. There are teachers and teachers, and Mexico enjoys none but the best; we never have any of the other kind.

We went through "China Town" last night and we were glad to "go through." We had no inclination to stop. There are 30,000 Chinese in this town and they don't take up any more room than would the same number of rats. They live in cellars and sub-cellars. The thicker they live the better they thrive. We have several reasons for not writing what we saw. Any one of the reasons would be sufficient. Curiosity takes people to "China Town." If you have a friend you desire to cure of curiosity, take him clear through "China Town" and we will guarantee a sure cure, although the cure may be worse than the disease. Ben Blanton, of the Paris Appeal, has learned the language quite well—so well that he can drink coffee with "chop sticks." You need not go to China to see the heathen in all his glory and in all his squalor. "China Town" in this city in every sense of the word is just like a Chinese city, if not more so.

We expect to visit Oakland and Woodland to-morrow and will see Dr. Macfarlane, formerly of Mexico. Our route home is via Ogden, Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City. This is a great country here, but the railroads bring all portions of it close together, some portions of it close together.

Do you think Mexico could produce a Board of Trade to build an ark if it keeps on raining? Has it rained any other kind of animals except frogs? That story of the frogs caps anything we have seen in California. We had intended to write several startling facts, but the frog story knocks us out. We always said the climate of Missouri was marvelous. BONWHITE.

THE STORM ON YOUNGS CREEK.

The Top Torn off of H. L. Berry's House and Much Other Damage Done.

Correspondence of the Ledger. YOUNGS CREEK, Mo., May 31.—Saturday evening there was a terrific storm passing from the southwest to the northeast. About the time it struck the Bryan school house it assumed the shape of a cyclone or twister, the first damage to its course being the stables at the school house. It took them up and threw them out in the road. It seemed to rise then and the next thing in its course was Dr. Blanken's smoke house. Turning it entirely over it rose again and the next place was the residence of H. L. Berry. It completely tore the top story off his house, scattering wearing apparel, furniture, etc.; in fact, everything in the house is in a damaged condition. Clothing of all descriptions are strung in trees. The table was set at the time and they only saved two cups and a plate. There was a large grove in its wake and it literally made splinters of nearly all the trees of any size. The next house was W. Brenton's. It lifted his house off the foundation and moved it several feet, damaging him greatly. After leaving there it struck the farm of H. C. Berry, tearing his orchard to pieces. The people came to the rescue at once and are doing everything to help the unfortunate.

In the Convention.

"Our choice, my friends, must be that great statesman, Benjamin Harrison. [Applause.] He is the leader; he is the man to win. More popular, even, than James G. Blaine."

"W-w-hoop—Hoo-o-ray! W-o-o-whoop!"

[Pandemonium for ten minutes, during which the speaker sits down and gives it up.]

As True as Gospel.

The Mexico Intelligence seems to be afraid of a bolt in this congressional district. There will be no bolt down this way, but you can just whistle that the Democrats are going to have their say before the nomination is made.

Death of Mrs. Glick.

Died, at eight o'clock, p. m., May 31, 1892, at the residence of her son-in-law, O. A. Alexander, on east Monroe street, Mrs. Ruth Strode Gibson, in her seventy-third year. She was born in Clark county, Kentucky, and came to Missouri in 1859. She was a consistent member of the Christian Church for nineteen years before her death. Deceased was the mother of Thomas Gibson.

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Two Years For Noland.

MISSOURI'S DEFAULTING STATE TREASURER TO SUFFER FOR HIS CRIME.

His Case Affirmed by the Supreme Court and He Must Serve the State Two Years.

Special Dispatch to the Ledger.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 31.—The case of ex-State Treasurer Edward T. Noland was affirmed to-day by the Supreme Court and the defaulter will serve two years in the penitentiary.

THE FIRST TRIAL. On May 9th last year Noland was brought to trial before Judge Burgess. Six of the jury believed the defaulting treasurer innocent. On July 11th Noland was found guilty and his punishment fixed at two years in the penitentiary. This trial was also before Judge Burgess. Six of the jurors who brought in the verdict of guilty were Democrats and six Republicans. Noland's attorneys took his case to the Supreme Court which has to-day affirmed the sentence.

On the day Noland was suspended the cash in the treasury was \$11,000 short. The examining committee found discrepancies in the accounts with the following banks: Union National Bank of Kansas City, \$7,408.50; First National Bank of Kansas City, \$1,000; First National Bank of Jefferson City, \$90; State Bank of Kansas City, \$4,109.31; Franklin Bank of St. Louis, \$8,299.87. These amounts, with the shortage in the cash, made the total deficiency foot up \$32,735.69.

MANY ADVANTAGES OFFERED.

An Institution Which Ranks Foremost in the World—The Mutual Reserve Company.

Among the distinguished arrivals in this city during the past week was Mr. E. D. Ludwig, Superintendent of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, who came here to establish a general agency for his association. We are pleased to state that he has made satisfactory arrangements with our esteemed fellow citizens, Messrs. Hopkins & Ricketts, who not only are well known in this city and in the county, but stand foremost in the insurance line. The Mutual Reserve is to be congratulated in securing the services of these gentlemen.

We learn that the Mutual Reserve ranks as one of the foremost companies of the world and in the State of Missouri it is among the first. The business in this State alone is upwards of \$12,000,000, and though only having done business in the State some ten years, it has paid upwards of \$1,000,000 death claims to Missourians. Though only eleven years of age, it has established its agencies over the United States, Canada and Europe. It is issued over 126,000 policies and the insurance in force of that Association to-day is upwards of \$240,000,000. Its rates are about one half of the old line Companies and on that low rate they have paid upwards of \$13,000,000 in death losses, have given dividends of \$2,000,000 to policy holders from 27 to 33 1/2 per cent, and to-day have assets of upwards of \$5,000,000; over \$3,000,000 are in absolute cash securities held by the Central Trust Company of New York in absolute trust for the members of the Association, and as a special guarantee for the payment of its death claims, and to lessen the cost of each member in the future.

It will be well for any one interested in life insurance to call upon Messrs. Hopkins & Ricketts and investigate the advantages offered by the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association.

The following named persons are guests at Hardin College, being in attendance at the commencement exercises:

Miss Addie Miller, Fayette, Mo.; Miss Dora Long, Fayette, Mo.; Miss Claude Daniel, Vandalia, Mo.; Mrs. T. J. Lacey, Ellsworth, Kas.; Mrs. W. Z. Smith, Ellsworth, Kas.; Mrs. Willis Crabb, Rich Hill, Mo.; Mrs. C. C. Drake and little daughter, Florence, Fort Worth, Texas; Miss Lizzie Hancock, Blackburn, Mo.; Mr. W. A. Gosnell and daughter, Miss Medora, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Grace Crouch, Carrollton, Mo.; Mr. W. L. Boyer, Marshall, Mo.; Mrs. Bettie Duncan, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Patrick and daughter, Miss Olivia, Bowling Green, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Simmons and daughter, Miss Grace, Macon City, Mo.; Prof. W. H. Owen and wife, Edinburgh, Mo.; Miss Rebbie Riggs, Hannibal, Mo.; Mrs. M. R. Wise, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. W. True Davis, St. Joseph, Mo.; Dr. J. C. Armstrong, wife and little daughter, Miss Mary, Westport, Mo.; Miss Nina Smith, Clarksville, Mo.

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Innocent Dogs Should be Protected.

To the Editor of the Ledger. AT HOME, June 1.—Those guilty dogs did not comprehend my meaning. My spiale of love came out in good time to save some of my neighbors' sheep. At any rate they passed by a large flock to get to mine. Guess they heard of strychnine being out in dead sheep in that pasture and were afraid the live ones were not fit to eat. Yes, I killed one of the dogs, and "I Expect," killed the others. I wish to send a declaration of kindness to the innocent dogs (as they are capable of understanding) that I will not allow anyone to put out poison in dead sheep on my place; and I hope no one will be so unkind as to steal dead sheep's legs and strychnine them, cart them around under cover of night and throw them over in yards at residences to kill all the dogs except their own. I am sorry to say that two cows of our neighborhood have died with convulsions in like manner as the dogs. We have no neighbors that would do such brutal work. We are not responsible for the convict in the penitentiary, neither do I think the innocent dog responsible for what the guilty ones do. Love to my neighbor and sympathy to his innocent dog. JOHN W. FOX.

Make Your Corrections at Once.

To the Editor of the Ledger.

MIDDELTOWN, Mo., May 30.—At a meeting of the F. & L. U. of Audrain county resolutions were adopted asking the investigating committee to use all means in their power to see that every man in the county paid his just proportion of taxes. In accordance with such resolution the committee has made all effort possible to secure just returns of taxable property, but we cannot say that we have been altogether successful. We have good proof that there are some men in this county who have failed to give in the full amount of their property. We will, therefore, have to appear before the Grand Jury at the June term of the Circuit Court, unless proper corrections are made before that time.

We have a list of all the merchants' licenses and the largest amount given in is \$5,000, while some of them advertise as high as \$20,000 stocks. Some carry large insurance. The taxes are all we want and these we must have. I hope this will be sufficient notice to all concerned. S. O. GRAHAM, Chairman.

A Tough Experience.

James Dill came to Mexico from Perry Sunday with his family in a spring wagon. The roads between this city and that point are in a fearful condition, but Mr. Dill got along tolerably well until he came in sight of Mexico. When he entered the lane leading north to the Cunningham bridge, and when near the slaughter house, his horses mired in a mud hole which is four or five feet deep. When they got in the hole they were powerless to pull out. The harness was taken off and the horses helped out by several persons who came along. They were muddy all over. A rope was procured and with it and by the aid of several fence rails the wagon was pulled to the surface, after an hour's work. Mr. Dill and family are thankful that they escaped with their lives.

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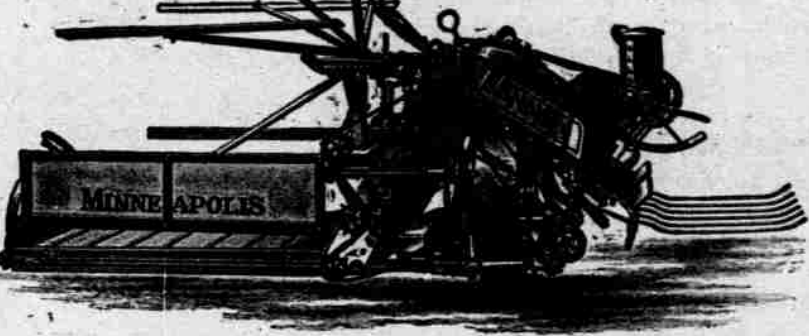
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